

MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

DATE: 22 July 2008

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Health Policy Forum
Department of Health

ATTENDANCE:

Council: **Present:** Victoria Almeida, Esq., (Vice Chair), Edward F. Almon, John W. Flynn, Wallace Gernt, Sen. Catherine E. Graziano, R.N., Ph.D., Amy Lapierre, Thomas M. Madden, Esq., Denise Panichas, Robert J. Quigley, D.C (Chair), Larry Ross, Reverend David Shire (Secretary)

Not Present: Joseph V. Centofanti, M.D, Ellen Nelson, PhD, Robert Ricci, Robert Whiteside

Excused: Raymond C. Coia, Esq., Gary J. Gaube, Maria R. Gil, Robert Hamel, RN

Staff: Valentina D. Adamova, Michael K. Dexter, Robert Marshall, Ph.D., Joseph G. Miller, Esq., Michael Rodriguez (Intern), Ashley Salvati (Intern)

Public: (Attached)

1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms and Time Extension for the Minutes Availability

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 PM. Minutes of the Health Services Council meeting of 24 June 2008 were accepted as submitted. The Chairman noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of eleven in favor and none opposed (11-0) that the availability of the minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Flynn, Gernt, Graziano, Lapierre, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Ross, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The first item on the agenda was the *Report to the Health Services Council on the application of Northwest Community Health Care for initial licensure as an Organized Ambulatory Care Facility in Foster*. Staff summarized the application and the Committee's deliberations on this matter.

Mr. Ross proposed adding the following language as a condition of approval: *that the proposal be implemented within the scope of the application; and that the scope of services be limited to those proposed and those that are presently provided at Northwest Community Health Care Center in*

Pascoag. The applicant was requested to provide the job description for the Nurse Practitioner and after hours call coverage policy.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed by a vote of eleven in favor and none opposed (11-0) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval and receipt of the additional information. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Flynn, Gernt, Graziano, Lapierre, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Ross, Shire.

The second item on the agenda was the *Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of **Walgreens Corporation** for change in effective control of Option Care, Inc. and its subsidiary Option Care Enterprises, Inc. which operates a Home Nursing Care Provider in East Providence and an Organized Ambulatory Care Facility in Providence*. Staff summarized the application and the Committee's deliberations on this matter.

Mr. Ross proposed adding the following language as a condition of approval: *that the proposal be implemented within the scope of the application; and that the scope of services be limited to those proposed*. The applicant was requested to provide a copy of the transition plan in the event of the facility closure.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed by a vote of eleven in favor and none opposed (11-0) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval and receipt of the additional information. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Flynn, Gernt, Graziano, Lapierre, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Ross, Shire.

The Chair then introduced Michael S. Varadian, JD, MBA, the new Executive Director of the Division of Environmental and Health Services Regulation.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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